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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Hideomi KOINUMA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3682**

Application No.: **10/528,265**

Examiner: **Jeffrie R. Lund**

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For: **MASKING MECHANISM FOR FILM FORMING APPARATUS**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

July 9, 2007

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated June 14, 2007.

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

Group I      Claims 1-3, drawn to a masking mechanism with a first and second single action edge at an angle of 120°; or

Group II      Claims 4 and 5, drawn to a masking mechanism with a first and second single action edge and a double action edge, the first single action edge makes an angle of 30° and the second single action edge makes an angle of -30°; and

Group III      Claims 6 and 7, drawn to a masking mechanism with a triangular opening and a triple action edge.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-3. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 35 U.S.C. § 121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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